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Jeff Lindley Personal and Technical Excellence Award and Council Project Excellence Award Winners Announced

WASHINGTON, DC – ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals is pleased to announce the recipients of its Council Leadership Team's (CLT) annual awards, **Alex Rixey, AICP**, and the **ITE TrafficWiki**. The CLT, which provides leadership and coordination across ITE's various technical and employer Councils, aims to enhance value for Council members, working Committees, and the wider ITE membership. Each year the CLT awards two prestigious honors — the Jeff Lindley Personal and Technical Excellence Award and the Council Project Excellence Award. The awards take into consideration the tenets of the GAVE culture adopted by the CLT, focusing on Growth Accountability, Value, and Esteem.

ITE's Councils and Committees serve as the cornerstone of technical innovation within ITE, offering a platform for professionals across the transportation industry to collaborate and create resources and solutions for a broad spectrum of transportation-related challenges. These groups have achieved unprecedented levels of volunteer participation and productivity over the past 15 years, leading to an impressive cohort of candidates for the 2024 awards.

"The Council Leadership Team is thrilled to honor Alex Rixey and the dedicated volunteers behind the ITE TrafficWiki for their remarkable achievements and for embodying the values of our GAVE culture," said Lindsey Van Parys, Chair of the CLT.

2024 Jeff Lindley Personal and Technical Excellence Award



The <u>Jeff Lindley Personal and Technical Excellence Award</u> recognizes an individual for their impactful volunteer involvement with ITE's Councils and Committees and contributions to the greater transportation community.

Alex Rixey, AICP, serves as a Transportation Planner for the Montgomery County Planning Department in Montgomery County, Maryland, USA. His contributions to ITE have benefited the transportation engineering field as a whole. Over the last three years, he demonstrated exemplary leadership

as the Chair of the ITE Complete Streets Council, showcasing an unwavering commitment to



providing technical guidance to practitioners on how to implement projects that get us closer to safe roads for all. Alex's dedication extended beyond Council leadership, as he championed numerous ITE technical products, leaving an indelible mark on the organization's technical advancements. Notably, he has applied his exceptional project management skills and tireless work ethic to shepherd the completion of more than 15 technical products. A proponent of collaboration, Alex has participated in more than 15 ITE annual meeting sessions, where his insights and expertise enriched the discussions. With gratitude for all his contributions, ITE congratulates Alex Rixey on his achievement.

2024 Council Project Excellence Award

The <u>Council Project Excellence Award</u> recognizes the best technical project resulting from work developed, completed, and sponsored by an ITE Council or Committee.

TrafficWiki The 2024 award recognizes the **ITE TrafficWiki**, an online tool that replaces the *Traffic Engineering Handbook* and is available exclusively to ITE's more than 18,000 members. Designed as a one-stop-shop for all-things traffic engineering, the wiki format enables members to submit information for peer review and quickly make updates as changes occur – something that was a lengthy, challenging process with traditional printed media.

ITE leadership and the Professional Development Committee approached the Traffic Engineering Council to brainstorm and strategize plans to develop an online tool for sharing traffic engineering knowledge, standards, and practices. After initial conversations, the development process was officially launched with the identification of a Wiki Master in June 2022. Subject matter experts from ITE's Councils were engaged to develop, review, finalize, and transfer the print content to an online web format. The entire *Traffic Engineering Handbook* could not be transferred verbatim, so a technical advisory board determined how to prioritize various content, and subcommittees were formed to convert each sub-section.

The project was undertaken by a diverse technical advisory committee of ITE members from across the membership, with various knowledge areas and levels of experience in the public, private, and academic sectors. There was highly effective collaboration and coordination between ITE Councils and their members, with support from the ITE Professional Development Committee, ITE staff, and the Wiki Master Steve Jewell. A special thanks to Pete Yauch, Jeff Lebsack, Keith Hall, Priyanka Alluri, Gordon Meth, Chuck Huffine, Douglas Noble, and the ITE



Traffic Engineering Council for their leadership and significant contributions. Additional volunteer contributors include **Gene Chartier**, **Kati DiRaimondo**, **Dan Hennessey**, **Francisca Kasubi**, **Abdallah Kinero**, **Tyler Krage**, **Lynn LaMunyon**, **David Nevarez**, **Patrick O'Mara**, **Cindy Peck**, **Jeannette Quirus**, **Bill Ruhsam**, **David Stanek**, **Charles Stevens**, **Jimoku Salum**, **Art Tester**, and **Kirsten Tynch**. Congratulations to all those involved in the development of the TrafficWiki on this remarkable achievement.

About ITE — Founded in 1930, ITE is an international membership association of transportation professionals who work to improve safety and mobility for all transportation system users and help build smart and livable communities. Through its products and services, ITE promotes professional development and career advancement for its members, supports and encourages education, identifies necessary research, develops technical resources including standards and recommended practices, develops public awareness programs, and serves as a conduit for the exchange of professional information. Through meetings, seminars, publications, and a network of more than 18,000 members working in 78 countries, ITE connects members to a world of ideas, people, and resources. For more information, visit www.ite.org.

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